

TRUMBULL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2009
NICHOLS ROOM AT TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by John Russell. In attendance were John Russell, Mary Ellen Lemay, Joanne Parsons, and Julie Jenkins. Also attending were Deborah Cox, Pam Georges, and Tim Dolan.

The minutes were approved from last month.

Pam Georges spoke about the Nature and Art Center and the success of its programs. Tim Dolan is helping the Nature and Art Center plan a green building using clean energy. This building would be a regionally used entity showcasing clean energy. Tim Dolan, through his position on the Trumbull Clean Energy Task Force, has applied for a grant to fund the building and he would like the Conservation Commission to be involved in the design and support of the building. Tim Dolan should hear by the fall if he is awarded the grant. Joanne asked Tim Dolan about using hydroelectric power on our streams and rivers in Trumbull, such as Pinewood Lake and Old Mine Park.

Mary Ellen spoke about a grant the town applied for to help remediate the Saw Mill River which runs out of Pinewood Lake. The grant was denied.

Mary Ellen said the GIS committee is writing the requirements for the bond package. The committee hopes to have the bonding approved by the fall, the fly over of the town in the spring, and the GIS system up and running by next summer.

John will be using part of our budget to join CACIWC (Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions). John has also been asked to look into a tree ordinance for the town. Currently no tree ordinance exists in any town in Connecticut. Mary Ellen suggested that a landscape ordinance might be more effective in preserving the town character.

The next meeting will be August 27.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Jenkins